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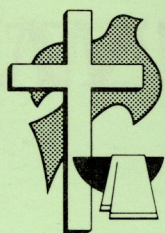
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*MCCer Walter Hiebert works with students at David Livingstone Teacher's College, Zambia in production units: (Above) with student operating jigsaw to produce teaching aids; (upper) Edmunc Ng'Andu feeds the citrus trees; (lower) students clearing the piggery's external disposal system.*

BRETHREN IN CHRIST and MCC personnel have shared together for many years in teaching and development at the DAVID LIVINGSTONE TEACHER'S COLLEGE, in Zambia, near the world famous Victoria Falls. Presently there are three MCC and two Brethren in Christ personnel assigned to DLTC.

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# NEW ASSIGNMENTS



GORDON and SUSAN GILMORE serve as the founding couple of the new Latin American mission. This will probably be located in Venezuela which Gordon will visit with the mission administrators, February 18-29, 1980. The Gilmores are in their eighth year of pastoral service at Port Colborne Ontario. They will continue in the pastorate for the balance of this year. With their children Benjamin and Charity, they will spend one year in Costa Rica in language school, in preparation for this new Brethren in Christ Missions assignment.



EUGENE and RUTH MADEIRA are investing one year of special ministry in Nicaragua beginning this summer (1980). The Madeiras are members of the Lancaster congregation. Eugene currently serves in the Lancaster school system with specialties in adult education from which he will be on a one year sabbatical leave. Their knowledge of Spanish from previous missionary service in Colombia aptly prepares them for Nicaragua. Eugene will work with the church there in developing and testing a leadership training program. Ruth, a registered nurse, will share in health care programs and women's work as there are opportunities. *NOTE: The Madeiras are currently looking for someone to house-sit for them in Lancaster for the year!*



# /NEW MINISTRIES



MARSHALL and ELEANOR POE with their family are preparing to follow through with the work done by the Madeiras in Nicaragua, and serve the church there in an intensive leadership training program. This will be an appropriate response to an urgent and longstanding need felt by our sister church, and advocated by Bert Sider and the other missionary staff over the years.

The Poes both bring the experience of cross-cultural service in Zambia plus Marshall's leadership training and Eleanor's nursing skills to this new assignment. The family, including Keith 10, Karen almost 9, and Krista 7, will move to Costa Rica in August for one year of Spanish studies.

RAY and WINIFRED HOCK, with their son, Jason, are planning to make Japan their home and base of ministry as of August 1980. Ray completes seminary (Eastern Baptist) studies in the spring. Concurrent with his studies, Ray has found fulfillment in assistant pastoral service at the Perkiomen Valley church while Winnie pursued her nursing career. The Hocks previously served at the Life Line Mission in San Francisco.

The Japanese assignment begins with two years of language study in Tokyo in preparation for a church planting/leadership training role in Yamaguchi ken. The Hocks will be partners with a national seminary-trained graduate in fulfillment of the creative planning by the Japanese church.



Each of the above mentioned appointments were confirmed by the Board for Missions Executive Committee in session on January 12, pending approval by the respective national churches, as well as medical and visa clearance.



# MCC 1979 ANNUAL REPORT



## Seeds of Hope

"The kingdom of God  
is as if a man  
should scatter seed  
upon the ground,  
and should sleep  
and rise night and day,  
and the seed should  
sprout and grow,  
he knows not how."

MCC Chad  
Photo by Mike Eby

Mark 4:26,27 (RSV)

In 1979 the world was troubled by news of the boat people, land refugees and millions starving in Kampuchea (Cambodia). Nuclear stockpiles grew, while the world reacted to an accident at Three Mile Island.

An Islamic Republic was established in Iran; Egypt and Israel signed a peace agreement. Pope John Paul II traveled the globe, a new prime minister was elected, then quickly forced to call another election in Canada, and former Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker died.

1979 ended a decade that began with war and famine in Biafra and Bangladesh—a decade that included the Quebec Separatist movement, the final years of the Vietnam War, Watergate and a growing energy crisis. It was the 60th year of MCC's worldwide ministry in the Name of Christ.

In this year many felt small in comparison to the problems around them. The world's problems were not solved, but Brethren in Christ and Mennonites welcomed Indochinese refugees and international trainees. An estimated 12,000 volunteered at material aid centers, thrift and Self-Help shops, meat cannings and relief sales, and entered service with MCC. Their continued support of mission and service programs was a sign that God continues to give His people hope.

Increased financial support in 1979 indicated the confidence of consti-

tuents that their gifts would be used of God. Gifts were not always large in comparison to world need, but as Christ rejoiced at the the two coins given by the widow (Mark 12:42-44), we believe God uses the gifts given to MCC in faith.

Those gifts, the plans laid to use them, and the contribution of workers are seeds, sown with prayer and love, which grow and spread and bear new seed.

Areas of special concern to MCC in 1979 were Kampuchea, Nicaragua, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Uganda and Lebanon, where war and natural disasters created vast need for development, material aid and for spiritual support.

At year's end, MCC has been able to give food aid, medical supplies, seeds and tools to Kampuchea. Such involvement may prepare the soil for future work. MCC seeks to send rehabilitation workers there in 1980.

War in Nicaragua left 150,000 homeless and 50,000 dead. Crops, hospitals and schools were leveled. Food aids and seeds were sent during 1979. Reconstruction will continue in 1980 and 1981.

In Dominica and Dominican Republic, Hurricane David left 150,000 homeless and destroyed crops. MCC has sent personnel and material aid to both countries and will work there in 1980 with Mennonite mission and local church groups.

1979 saw the end of the bloody eight-year reign of Idi Amin Dada in Uganda. That country is still experiencing economic and political difficulties. MCC has sent hand tools, soap, blankets and water pumps, as well as workers. A rural development program will continue in 1980.

The tiny country of Lebanon continued to absorb the hostility of the Middle East, suffering repeated acts of war and terrorism. Early in the year material aid was distributed to refugees from the war. Workers encouraged agricultural development

**Africa** \$3,160,294 (total program expenditure)  
**Asia** \$2,912,994  
**Europe** \$179,218  
**Latin America** \$1,802,716  
**Middle East** \$966,444  
**North America** \$3,405,439

total personnel	181	77	25	126	24	289
agriculture/nutrition	31	21	1	41	2	1
economic and technical	13	10	1	7	0	6
education	63	5	5	29	9	14
health	10	8	7	23	2	8
religious/social services	16	4	6	10	3	63
language study/study assistance	10	0	0	0	0	4
administration/support services	38	29	5	16	8	193

Bangladesh	35	Haiti	10	Nepal	18	Upper Volta	16
Belgium	2	Hungary	1	Nicaragua	2	West Bank	7
Bolivia	51	India	9	Nigeria	15	Zaire	37
Botswana	32	Indonesia	5	Paraguay	5	Zambia	18
Brazil	27	Ireland	2	Philippines	3		
Chad	2	Italy	1	Poland	1		
Egypt	11	Jamaica	17	Sudan	4		
England	1	Jordan	4	Swaziland	23	Canada	
Ethiopia	2	Kenya	6	Switzerland	2	volunteer	64
France	1	Laos	4	Tanzania	3	salaried	64
Germany	14	Lebanon	2	Thailand	3	United States	
Grenada	8	Lesotho	13	Transkei	2	volunteer	75
Guatemala	6	Malawi	5	Uganda	3	salaried	86



and are a supporting Christian presence.

Many areas that suffered most deeply—Kampuchea, Indochina, Middle East, Nicaragua—suffered not because of natural disaster, but because of political struggles. The call to reconciliation and justice was discussed often as MCC sought ways not only to offer assistance after the tragedy of conflict, but to be God's presence in the world in a way that prevents tragedy and heals wounds of hatred and injustice. The largest number of MCC overseas workers continued to be teachers, who shared new knowledge, and agriculturists, who shared hope for increased food production.

Disasters at home called for the efforts of thousands of Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers. New work began in Mississippi, where floods struck in the spring and Hurricane Frederic raged in the fall; in Texas and Ontario after tornadoes; and in Louisiana, Alabama, Minnesota and Manitoba after spring flooding.

U.S. Ministries and MCC (Canada) sought sponsors for resettlement of refugees and worked in ministries with Native Americans, the elderly, offenders and the rural and urban poor.

It was a year of sometimes painful, sometimes joyful, discussion between MCC and MCC (Canada) concerning greater mutuality. A fledgling MCC U.S. was born to handle state-side concerns. MCC's relationship to conference bodies and other church agencies was a matter for prayer and dialogue.

At the end of 1979 there were 722 workers—433 in 43 overseas countries and 289 in North American volunteer positions and in headquarters, regional and provincial offices. These workers, motivated by their commitment to Christ and concern for their fellow humans, spread seeds of faith and understanding through sharing friendship and their faith as well as sharing skills in education, health, technology, agriculture and social services.

## MCC

### Financial Summary

#### Income

1.		
Contributions:		
U.S. Constituency	3,113,899	
MCC (Canada)	1,415,054	
U.S. Relief Sales and Thrift Shops	1,408,745	5,937,698
2.		
Other Income:		
Grants	1,975,570	
Volunteer Earnings	477,475	
Self/Help	873,567	
Other	758,872	4,085,484
3.		
Material Aid in Kind		3,309,577
	Total Income	\$ 13,332,759

#### Disbursements

1.		
International Program		9,630,339
2.		
Domestic Program:		
U.S. Ministries	238,844	
Mennonite Mental Health Services	23,705	
Mennonite Disaster Service	62,186	
Peace Section	49,313	
Peace Section (U.S.)	75,856	
Exchange Visitor Program	85,444	
Self/Help	724,580	
Other	111,351	1,371,279
3.		
Administration		1,332,167
	Total Disbursements	\$ 12,333,785
Excess of Income over Disbursements	998,974	
Less Funds Spent for Long-term Assets	46,358	
Net Increase in Operating Fund Balances		952,616
All amounts rounded off to nearest dollar. A detailed financial statement and program report is available upon request.		
Material Aid Shipments	7,637,263 pounds	

## MCC (Canada)

### Financial Summary

#### Income

1.			
Contributions:			
Constituency contributions as forwarded by provinces:			
	General	Designated	Total
B.C.	199,686	49,306	248,992
Alta.	96,262	72,921	169,183
Sask.	130,138	101,103	231,241
Man.	360,813	322,562	683,375
Ont.	465,879	163,688	629,567
Other	35,114	34,131	69,245
Relief Sales	365,800	78,198	443,998
	1,653,692	821,909	2,475,601
Food Bank (farmers' contributions only)		372,033	2,847,634
2.			
Other Income:			
Government Grants		\$3,709,679	
VS Earnings		344,209	
Self Help		195,004	
Other		355,050	4,603,942
	Total income		\$7,451,576

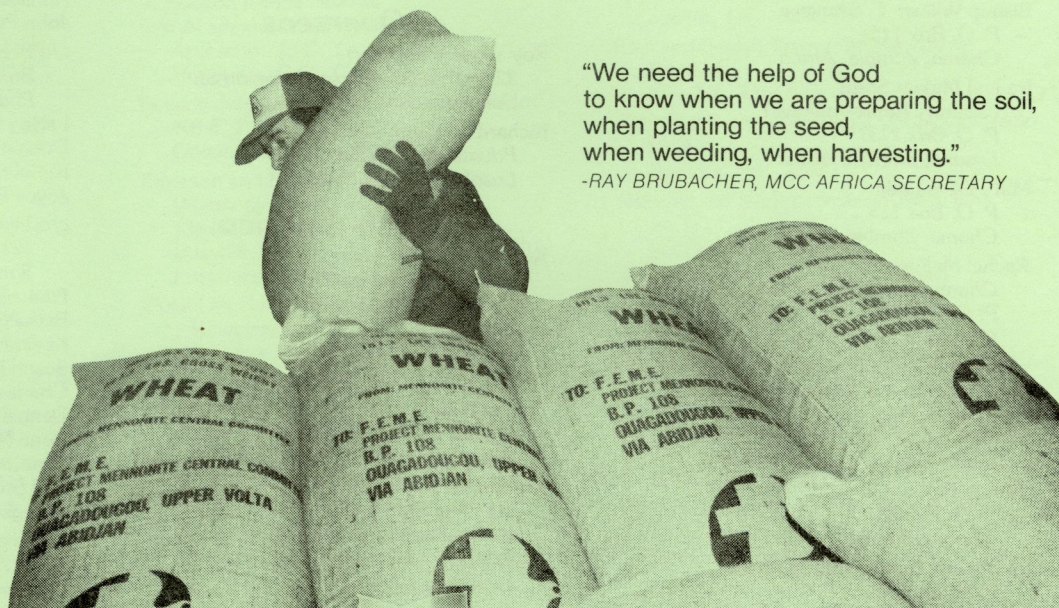
#### Disbursements

1.		
International Program		4,612,051
2.		
Canadian Program:		
Peace and Social Concerns	\$ 54,268	
Native Concerns	55,507	
Die Mennonitische Post	64,943	
Kanadier	18,364	
Food Bank	1,263,692	
Voluntary Service	395,153	
Ottawa Office	44,995	
Offender Ministries	27,989	
Mennonite Disaster Service	2,682	
Mennonite Historical Society	6,500	
Montreal House of Friendship	33,160	
Other	66,907	2,034,160
3.		
Administration		409,004
	Total Disbursements	\$7,055,215
Excess of Income over Disbursements		396,361

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"We need the help of God to know when we are preparing the soil, when planting the seed, when weeding, when harvesting."

-RAY BRUBACHER, MCC AFRICA SECRETARY

Material Aid, Kansas

Photo by Maynard Shelley



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